1 KINGS 8:22-30

(22) And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven (23) and said: "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. (24) You have kept your promise to your servant David my father: with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today. (25) "Now Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, 'You shall never fail to have a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons are careful in all they do to walk before me as you have done,' (26) and now, O God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true. (27) "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! (28) Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy. O Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. (29) May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, 'My Name shall be there,' so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. (30) Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

EPHESIANS 1:11-23

(11) In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, (12) in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. (13) And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, (14) who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—
the praise of his glory. (15) For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,
(16) I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. (17) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. (18) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, (19) and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, (20) which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, (21) far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. (22) And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, (23) which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

JOHN 17:15-23

(15) My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. (16) They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. (17) Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (18) As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. (19) For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. (20) "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, (21) that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be one in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (22) I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: (23) I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.
Order of Worship

+ Preparation for the Word +

Invocation to Worship
Choir: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
[The cross leads the procession and is a symbol of Christ among us. When the cross is carried in, please stand.]

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

P Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
C WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS; COME BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS.
P Know that the LORD is God.
C IT IS HE WHO MADE US, AND WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE.
P Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His Name.
C FOR THE LORD IS GOOD AND HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER; HIS FAITHFULNESS CONTINUES THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS.

Opening Hymn: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty   # 198

Invocation
P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C AMEN.
P We gather together to celebrate the blessings God has worked in this congregation for 125 years.
C IN JOY WE COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE WHAT GOD IN HIS GRACE HAS DONE.
P We have been claimed by God as His children through our Baptisms.
C HE FEEDS AND NOURISHES US WITH HIS WORD AND HIS HOLY SUPPER.
P We seek God's continued blessings as we proclaim the Gospel to our community and our world.
C WE ARE HERE TO BE INSPIRED AND CHALLENGED TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE ON HIS MISSION.
P Let us rededicate ourselves to the Lord, to His Word, and to the Mission He has entrusted to us.

C WE DO PROMISE...
C TO REFOCUS UPON THE CALL WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOD TO BE HIS PEOPLE IN CHRIST IN THE WORLD;
C TO Regroup our energy, talents, and finances so as to do a better job of fulfilling God's mission through us;
C TO REEMPHASIZE THE GRACE OF GOD WHICH IS OURS AS WE REMAIN FAITHFUL TO HIM IN WORD AND SACRAMENT.
P Help us, O Lord, to live out our promise.
C AMEN.

Anniversary Hymn: Life Cycles   [See Insert]

Prayer of the Day
P Lord God, heavenly Father, Who has blessed us with 125 years of existence as a congregation,
C WE BESEECH YOU TO CONTINUE TO DWELL AMONG US WITH YOUR WORD AND SACRAMENTS, SO THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY BE TURNED AWAY FROM SIN AND RECEIVE EVERLASTING LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN

[Be Sealed]

Dedication of the Altar Candles
P In honor of the 125th Anniversary celebration of St. Paul's, the anniversary committee, with the support of the congregation, has purchased a complete set of oil burning candles for the altar and for the advent wreath. Let us give thanks to God for His gift to us.
C O God, Who called forth Light out of darkness at the creation, and Who sent Your Son as the Light of the World to reveal Your Love to us, we give You thanks that You have called us out of the darkness of our ignorance and rebellion into the Light of Your Son. May these candles that we use in our worship of You ever remind us of the light You have shined into our hearts and of our mission to be lights in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
C AMEN.
P We set apart and dedicate these Candles for service in Your house, O Lord, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C AMEN.
+ The Proclamation of God’s Word +

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 8:22-30

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the last day He will raise me and all the dead.

And He will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Gospel Lesson: John 17:15-23

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers of the Church +

Litany for Past, Present and Future Blessings of God’s Grace.

C Holy God, Gracious Father, as we celebrate 125 years of mission and ministry here at St. Paul’s,

C Accept our thanks and praise for the joy of this celebration!

P For 125 years, we have been privileged to gather and share of Your love and faithfulness,

C As the clear Gospel was proclaimed in our midst,

P As we look back on 125 years, we are moved to gratitude and praise,

C For pastors who shepherded us,

P For teachers who instructed us.

C For musicians and choirs who lifted our spirit in worship.

P For Sunday school staff who taught us when we were young.

C For fellow Christians who supported us.

P For all who did so much, often unnoticed, that contributed to the accomplishment of our ministry.

Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

The Third Article & Explanation

C Majesty, Worship His Majesty,

Unto Jesus, be all glory, power and praise!
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty.
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

C Gospel Lesson: John 17:15-23

[Jesus prays to the Father asking that His followers be protected from Satan and that they would be one in faith and love.]

C Stand

Hymn of the Day: On Galilee’s High Mountain # 320, vv. 1-4

C The Message from the Word: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

"Tell everyone what He has done"

As the Tithes and Offerings are gathered, members and guests are asked to sign their names and other appropriate information in the black "Right of Friendship" folder on each pew.

C [Stand]

Offering: Renew Me, O Eternal Light # 373, vv. 3, 4

C C Create in me a new heart, Lord
That gladly I obey your word,
Let what you will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.
Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O light eternal, through your grace.
O Lord, our celebration directed us to look at the past, and we marvel at your blessings on the saints who went before us.

Yes, Lord, we celebrate 125 years of past blessings.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Yes, Lord, we celebrate your presence with us, now in this place.

Praise him all creatures here below!

Yes, Lord, we celebrate the coming of your Son, with the angels and the sound of the trumpet and with those who have fallen asleep in Christ.

Praise him above, o heavenly host!

Yes, Lord, we celebrate your love and grace which you have bestowed upon us who have been brought into the body of Christ.

Praise father, son and holy ghost! amen

The Agnus Dixit:

O Christ, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. O Christ, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. O Christ, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

[be seated]

The Distribution Hymns: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, thine the Amen, thine the Praise [choir]

O Lord, we Praise You, number 236

Christ is our cornerstone, number 290

Beautiful Savior, number 507

[after the distribution is completed stand and sing]

Post Communion Hymn: Sent Forth by God’s Blessing, number 247

The Post Communion Collect: [Pastor]

Amen.

Bless us the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with his favor and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.

The Closing Hymn: Go, my children, with my blessing [see insert] [choir sings verse 1; congregation verses 2-4]

The Preface Prayer: [Pastor]

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is good and right so to do.

The Words of Institution: [Pastor]

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.
Go, My Children, with My Blessing

By: Jaroslav J. Vajda

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
4. The Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
And in love, teach us, Lord, how to live.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story. Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you.
The Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

By: Terry K. Dittmer

1. Sing alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and praises ascend.
2. Man walked alone and in need. With-out faith, hope or promise or creed; Wandering, aim-less-ly lost,
3. Lord, teach us how to proclaim. All your goodness, your love and your name! Lord, teach us how to forgive.

To our Lord God, our Savior and King! Un-a ware of the staggering cost; That We are gathered as friends in this place.
And in love, teach us, Lord, how to live.
Here brought together by grace. We are gathered as friends in this place.
And assembled as one, In the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends, and proclaiming the Lord.

And all our friends in this place. And as we live.
And assembled as one, In the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends, and proclaiming the Lord.

Praises afforded. We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

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**Life Cycles**

**CONGREGATION & CHOIR**

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We are brothers! We are sisters!

And together, we are family. In His name we

love each other, celebrating our community.

Praising Father! Praising Jesus! Prais- ing Spirit.

Who has made us one. Through life's cycles, praises rising.

Abide with us As the ages run.

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**CHOIR ONLY**

1. For our God so loved the world that He gave His only

2. For by grace our sins were all washed away. By grace God

3. Who and Siste- r's build, m calls min- istry. The Spirit

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Son to die on Calvary, guides us along our way. By God's grace we've saved through faith and our confession gives us den-

We will live with Him in a-

as His thank- ful peo- ple, in fa- thi we say;

and we col- e- rate youth, full

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125th Anniversary Celebration

April 21, 1991

AS WE GATHER: Anniversaries are special times in which we remember the passing of another year of a significant event in our lives. The anniversary of a congregation is special because it takes notice of a very special event that has touched the lives of hundreds, even thousands, of people. Today, we at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Cascade, Wisconsin celebrate God's touching of our lives through this congregation, its pastors, Sunday School teachers, board members, women's organizations, and by the ministry of each caring member.

GOD HAS PROMISED TO BE WITH HIS PEOPLE! GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO HIM.
In our Scripture lesson today, we find three prayers for God's continued blessings in the lives of His people. In the Old Testament Lesson, King Solomon offers this prayer at the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem. He gives thanks to God for keeping His promise He made to David that his son would build the Temple. Solomon also prays that the Temple would be a place of prayer, where God's people would come to speak to Him and where God would hear their prayers and forgive their sin. In the Epistle Lesson, the Apostle Paul rejoices at the Ephesians being included in the Body of Christ, the Church, and Paul prays that they would better understand the Christian Faith and the Hope of Everlasting Life in Christ's Kingdom to which they were called. In the Gospel Lesson, Jesus prays that His followers may be kept from the attacks of the devil and that they may remain one in the Faith. This is the Church - a place of prayer and forgiveness, of learning and encouragement, of protection and unity of faith.

Our Guest Speaker with us today is DR. EDWARD WESTCOTT, JR., former Executive Director of the Board of Mission Services of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (1978-1989). Dr. Westcott served as a missionary in Nigeria, West Africa in 1948-1954 and as pastor of congregations in Michigan and in Arizona from 1954-1978. Presently Dr. Westcott is retired and living in Sun City, Arizona.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS: You are invited to use the envelopes, placed for your convenience, in the rack on the back of the pews for your special Thank Offering. Please designate your preference of either Synod Missions or Seminary Students Fund. Sign your name if you wish credit for your offering statements. Thank You! 125th Anniversary Committee.

AFTER THE WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE, you are invited to the Brat Fry in the lower level of the Parish Hall. The Mission Circle is sponsoring a 'White Elephant' Table and a 'Craft & Bake Sale' being held on behalf of St. Paul's Cascade Preschool. 125th Anniversary Memorabilia is available on the upper level of the Parish Hall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at St. Paul's will be June 10-14, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, for age levels Preschool through 4th Grade. Call Moisie Habeck to register (528-8030).

THE 1991 CONFIRMATION CLASS will be publicly questioned next Sunday, at 8:45 a.m. in the church. You are invited to attend in encouragement to the students as they confess the Christian Faith as they have learned it from the Holy Scriptures and as a review of your catechisim instruction. Confirmation of the class will be on Sunday, May 5th at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

LWML ZONE RALLY is this Wednesday, April 24th, here at St. Paul's, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Special Guest Speaker is Mr. Jim Valentine an authority on religious cults and the occult.

RALLY FOR LIFE: Sunday, April 28, 1991, 1:30 p.m., at the Urban Junior High School Auditorium, Sheboygan. The speakers will be Julie Makimaa, founder of "Fortress", a support organization for women who become pregnant through rape and for the children they conceive because of rape and also Gary Bell, founder of 'Dads For Life", a national organization to speak out for fathers rights in the abortion situation.

DON WHARTON, a Christian Singer/Songwriter whose music is loved by people of all ages, will be appearing live in concert at St. John's Lutheran Church in West Bend, next Sunday, April 28th.

Don's concert is in conjunction with the Lutheran Laymen's League Rally and follows the Dinner and business meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. Donation is $5.00.

For reservations, see Vic Krahm by April 22nd.

MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM

All ladies of the congregation and their friends are invited to the Mother's Day Program on May 1st at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment is by the Plymouth High School Swing Choir. A lunch will be served. Call Betty Bilgo at 893-4188 or Lorraine Doebert at 893-5184 before April 28th for reservations.